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Situation Report Winter Storm January 16, 2007, 11am

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SUMMARY

A series of severe winter storms swept across Missouri on Friday, January 12, 2007, causing moderate to heavy damage throughout the state. An area from Joplin to St. Louis along the I-44 corridor was the heaviest hit. A second round of freezing precipitation took place on Saturday, and a third round moved through the state on Sunday. National Weather Service indicates warming in the latter part of this week, **but the weather service also cautioned on Tuesday that more freezing precipitation could return to the state sometime this weekend.**

On Monday, Governor Blunt submitted an expedited request to President Bush for Federal assistance. Late Monday night, the President authorized Public Assistance (PA) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to local governments and qualifying non-profit agencies for debris removal and certain emergency protective measures (Categories A & B). The following counties were included in the disaster declaration: Barry, Barton, Callaway, Camden, Christian, Cole, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Lincoln, Maries, McDonald, Miller, Montgomery, Newton, Osage, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, St Charles, St Clair, St Louis, Stone, Warren, Webster, Wright, and the City of St Louis. Additional counties may be added at a later date following preliminary damage assessments, which may begin next week.

As of Monday night, officials reported 81 shelters were open throughout the state, with a total population of nearly 3,500 people.

Fatalities

Location	Fatalities	Notes
Dade County	1	Traffic-related
Harrison County	1	Traffic-related
Lawrence County*	1	CO-related
Jackson County	3	3 - Traffic-related
Johnson County	1	Traffic-related
St Francois County	1	Traffic-related
STATE TOTAL	8	7 traffic-related; 1 CO-related

Power restoration

Officials report more than 215,000 customers statewide are without power as a result of the storm. Springfield City Utilities reports 30,000 customers still without power. Ameren UE has 38,000 customers without service. Empire Electric reports 52,000 customers in southwest Missouri are without power. Rural electric coops report 90,000 customers without power. Aquila reports 5,000 customers without power in west-central Missouri. Expectation is restoration by next week, unless otherwise noted.

County Reports

Barry County—Officials report **11,000 homes without power**. Two shelters open at this time in Monett, Missouri. Officials are readying another shelter in the event the backup power to the city fails. **Health and welfare checks for residents in rural areas are expected to get underway today**. Fuel for emergency vehicles and generators remains a critical issue.

Camden County—Officials reported opening two shelters and they are looking into opening a third shelter.

Christian County—Officials estimate 10,000 people without power, with the biggest problems in Billings and Clever where 90-100% of homes are without power. Two shelters were open Saturday night, with total population of 32 people. Additional shelters may be opened depending on continued power outages.

Dallas County—Officials report widespread power outages throughout the County and the City of Buffalo. Three shelters were opened in the overnight with a population of 180. They are still looking for additional chainsaw crews and a bulldozer for debris clearance.

Franklin County—Officials report 13,000 people without power. One shelter was open Sunday night with a population of 10 people. Two warming centers were in operation on Monday.

Greene County—Officials report **36,000 people without power**. **Ten shelters were open Monday night, with a total population of 1,000**. Authorities are conducting health and welfare checks. **Debris clearance remains a high priority**. Bulk food and water has been received, and coordination efforts are underway to distribute the supplies to other affected areas. **An Incident Management Team (IMT) has been working since the weekend in the county EOC**. Two Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) are operational in the area.

Laclede County—Officials report significant power outages. **One shelter was open on Monday night with a population of nearly 400 people**.

Lawrence County—Officials report widespread power outages in county; warming centers set up in Monett, Aurora, and Mt. Vernon. Opened 9 shelter, several are in overflow status. There are currently 300 at the shelters. Fuel for emergency vehicles and debris removal are critical issues.

Lincoln County—Officials report significant power outages in Old Monroe. 54 people from a nursing home in Moscow Mills were evacuated to a shelter.

Maries County—Officials report **power has been restored to most of Vienna, although there are still significant outages in the rest of the county**. **Four warming centers were being operated on Monday**. Authorities are conducting health and welfare checks on residents in rural areas.

McDonald County—Officials in Anderson, Lanagan, and Pineville report widespread outages throughout their cities. Generators have been requested to keep water systems running.

Miller County—Officials report about 150 customers without power. One shelter was open Saturday night in Iberia with a population of about 30 people.

Newton County—Officials report 40,000 customers without power. Operating 7 shelters for 200 people on Sunday night expecting more people tonight. Need 200 more cots. The Guard is putting a liaison officer in their EOC.

Polk County—Officials report widespread damage throughout the County, especially in Bolivar and Pleasant Hope. An estimated 8,000 customers in Bolivar are without power. **Four shelters were open Monday night with a total population of 340 people**.

Pulaski County—City of Crocker had power outages early in the storm, but power has since been restored. About 400 people remain without power in Waynesville. One shelter was open overnight.

St. Charles County—One-quarter inch of ice reported Friday night. Officials estimate 19,800 Ameren and 4,000 Cuiver River Electric without power. Operating 3 shelters for 40 people.

St Louis City—Officials reported no shelters opened and normal Fire/Police operations. They continue to monitor the situation.

St. Louis County—Officials report **23,000 customers without power. Three shelters were open in the overnight, with total population of 5 people.**

Warren County—Officials report 1,300 people without power. Warming centers were opened Sunday night.

Webster County—Officials report widespread power outages with numerous trees down. **Two shelters were open on Monday night, but no population figures were immediately available.** Road department has been checking low-water crossings for potential damage.

State Actions

Governor Blunt issued Executive Order 07-02 on Saturday declaring a State of Emergency in response to the winter storm. He also signed Executive Order 07-03 that same day activating the National Guard to assist with the emergency response. On Monday, the Governor requested a Federal Expedited Disaster Declaration for 34 Counties and the City of St. Louis.

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) is operating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) on a 24-hour basis. SEMA officials plan to staff the SEOC at least through Wednesday evening. **SEMA is also starting early coordination to start damage assessments with local officials within the next wee.**

Missouri National Guard (MONG) has about 500 people assisting missions ranging from debris removal, to health and safety checks and transporting generators, cots, food, and blankets.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) reports seven people have died from weather-related traffic accidents. The latest accident occurred in St Francois County, where a woman was killed when her vehicle was swept off a low-water crossing by flood-waters.

Division of Fire Safety is working requests for Incident Management Teams as needed. The State Fire Marshal reminds all jurisdictions to be careful with 1). Exceeding capacities, which would hinder prompt evacuation in case of fire at shelters, warming centers, and feeding centers. 2). Where use of generators is involved, make sure that they are properly vented and the fuel source is not leaking creating additional hazards.

Office of Administration (OA) has delivered over 100 generators throughout the affected area as well as 11 pallettes of Meals-Ready –to- Eat to the affected area. OA is checking on property damage at State properties.

Missouri Dept of Conservation (MDC) is assisting with debris clearance activities in Greene County.

Missouri Dept of Health and Senior Services is working on nursing home power restoration and checking for special needs populations health issues. The DSR is monitoring and assisting with health related issues.

Missouri Department of Transportation is responding throughout the State. Southeast District (District 10) has been on standby, but experience local flooding and is ready to assist other districts as requested. Several maintenance facilities are without power. Storm debris and power lines are the largest problem currently facing MoDOT, especially in the Southwest area (District 7, 8 and 9). Roads conditions are improving, but watching for re-freezing as temperatures drop below freezing.

Missouri Dept of Natural Resources (MDNR) issued a waiver on Saturday on landfill restrictions for storm generated yard waste and Energy Center staff is working with fuel supply issues in the impacted counties.

Department of Social Services is helping staff shelters with Division of Children Services staff where needed.

Volunteer Agency Actions

American Red Cross (ARC) has been ordering additional cots and blankets. 50,000 heater meals were delivered to Springfield on Tuesday. Southern Baptist relief services has been requested to supply three portable kitchens to be located in Greene, Polk and third place to be announced. Requested information on shelter needs for all impacted areas to better direct incoming resources.

The Salvation Army (TSA) is assisting with feeding and shelter operations throughout the state. TSA supplied 1,700 meals in Greene County yesterday. They are also setting up a center in Jasper County. Both ARC and TSA will be handling food distribution from the Baptist Feeding Centers.

AmeriCorps is supporting operations in shelters and EOCs as well as supplying generators across the affected area. They are sending a 4 person shelter team to Pierce City (Lawrence County). They are activating an 800 number for people to call needing assistance soon.

Weather

The National Weather Service (NWS) forecast calls for highs to only make it into the teens in most of the affected area. Lows should drop into the single digits. Highs on Wednesday will likely remain below freezing in the affected areas. NWS is also looking at the possibility of more freezing precipitation arriving in the state sometime this weekend.

Point of Contact:

Calls to the SEOC can be made at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed on a 24-hour basis until the end of the week.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>